

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE/REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0029459-10-0

Permittee: Nelson Village, PO Box 131, Nelson, WI, 54756

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Nelson Wastewater Treatment Facility, State Hwy 35 South, Nelson, WI

Receiving Water And Location: groundwaters of the Lower Buffalo River Watershed of the Buffalo-Trempealeau River Basin in Buffalo County, WI

Brief Facility Description : The Nelson Wastewater Treatment Facility consists of a primary stabilization pond, a secondary stabilization pond and three seepage cells. The system treats domestic wastewater and there are no contributing industrial dischargers. Discharge is solely to groundwater and monitoring wells are on site to monitor for groundwater impacts. The annual average design flow is 0.042 million gallons per day (MGD) and the actual annual average flow in 2020 was 0.020 MGD. No major operational changes are proposed for this permit reissuance. Significant changes proposed in the upcoming permit are as follows: 1) the preventative action limit (PAL) for pH was increased, 2) the alternate concentration limit (ACL) for chloride was reduced, and 3) a compliance schedule has been included in the permit that requires the permittee conduct a survey of the top of casing elevations on the monitoring wells and submit a report of the survey results. Also added this permit term is a requirement that the permittee monitor sludge once for PCBs.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Holly Heldstab, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 492-0483, Holly.Heldstab@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Geisa Thielen, 1300 W Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 492-2961, Geisa.Thielen@wisconsin.gov

Reason For Revoke/Reissue: The current permit (issuance WI-0029459-~~09~~) is set to expire 03/31/2022. In order to reduce the workload anticipated from the large numbers of permits expiring in 2022, the current Nelson permit is being revoked and reissued one month early, and the next permit term is being shortened by two months so the permit expires during a year of less workload (i.e., December 2026 vs. March 2027). In short, the permit is being revoked and reissued as a workload management tool for the department and has nothing to do with the permittee's performance or compliance.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be revoked/reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (715) 492-0483 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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